

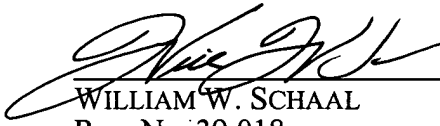
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This Preliminary Amendment is filed prior to initial review of the Application.  
Examination of all pending claims is respectfully requested at Examiner's earliest  
convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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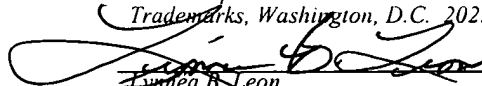
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